Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Amended claims:

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1. (currently amended) A positive-pressure respirator hood assembly comprising,

a gas-impermeable hood made of a flexible material, formed with at least a transparent visor portion;

a gas treatment unit, comprising a filter and a power-operated blower capable ~~to force~~ of forcing air through the filter and ~~generate~~ generating a positive pressure within the hood;

a one-way purge valve for facilitating the exhaust of exhaled gases and moisture from the hood; ~~and~~

a sealing portion for sealingly securing the hood over a body portion of the user;

wherein said hood assembly ~~the respirator hood assembly~~ is designed to be compactly received [[in a]] within a container ~~and to be~~ such that immediately upon opening the container said gas treatment unit is automatically activatable to deploy the hood in an operative state and said hood becomes conveniently available to the user to provide ~~deployed into an operative state automatically, whereby a user is provided~~ protection from toxic gases and particulate material.

2. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where [[the]] said container [[is]] comprises a front and a rear cover, wherein separation of one cover from another allows opening the container and ~~part of an activating mechanism for~~ immediate deploying the respirator hood into the operative state.

3. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the body portion is a user's neck and where the ~~seating~~ sealing portion is a neck-engaging collar made of an elastic material.

4. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the sealing portion is designed to easily stretch over the head of the user and sealingly fit around the neck of the user after the hood is donned.

5. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the body portion is a user's torso and where the sealing portion is a torso-engaging and sealing wrap.

6. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 5, wherein the sealing wrap is adapted for elastic engagement over the user's torso.

7. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the respirator hood is ~~suitable also~~ adapted for wearing by an animal.

8. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises at least one detachable member articulated with an activating switch of the gas treatment unit, whereby detaching the member activates the power-operated blower.

9. (currently amended) A positive-pressure respirator hood and container assembly ~~according to claim 8,~~ comprising,

a gas-impermeable hood made of a flexible material, formed with at least a transparent visor portion;

a gas treatment unit, comprising a filter and a power-operated blower to force air through the filter and generate a positive pressure within the hood;

a one-way purge valve for facilitating the exhaust of exhaled gases and moisture from the hood; and

a sealing portion for sealingly securing the hood over a body portion of the user;

wherein the respirator hood is adapted to be compactly received in a container and to be deployed into an

operative state automatically, whereby a user is provided protection from toxic gases and particulate material,

wherein the container comprises at least one detachable member articulated with an activating switch of the gas treatment unit, whereby detaching the member activates the power-operated blower, and

wherein the at least one detachable member is re-insertable whereby the power-operated blower is de-activated.

10. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the container comprises a front and a rear cover, at least one of which is articulated to [[the]] an activating switch provided in [[of]] the gas treatment unit.

11. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 10, wherein the front and rear covers are engageable into a closed position, wherein the respiratory hood and gas treatment unit are confined within the container in a ~~gaslight~~ gastight manner.

12. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the front and rear ~~cover~~ covers is fitted with a handle, to facilitate its detachment.

13. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, ~~having~~ said assembly being deployable in a storage state and an operative state; wherein at said storage state the ~~respiratory~~ hood and the gas treatment unit are sealingly received with a container whereupon opening the container immediately and automatically activates the gas treatment unit.

14. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 13, wherein the container is rigid.

15. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 13, wherein the gas treatment unit comprises an activating switch coupled via a toggle member to a portion of the container, whereby opening the container automatically activates the switch.

16. (currently amended) A respirator hood according to claim 10, wherein the toggle member is attached to one of the covers ~~cover members~~ by a latch.

17. (currently amended) A positive-pressure respirator hood ~~according to claim 10,~~ and container assembly comprising,

a gas-impermeable hood made of a flexible material, formed with at least a transparent visor portion;

a gas treatment unit, comprising a filter and a power-operated blower to force air through the filter and generate a positive pressure within the hood;

a one-way purge valve for facilitating the exhaust of exhaled gases and moisture from the hood; and

a sealing portion for sealingly securing the hood over a body portion of the user;

wherein the hood is adapted to be compactly received in a container and to be deployed into an operative state automatically, whereby a user is provided protection from toxic gases and particulate material,

wherein the container is part of an activating mechanism for deploying the hood into the operative state, and

the container comprises a front and a rear cover, at least one of which is articulated to the activating switch of the gas treatment unit, and

wherein the latch ruptures upon opening the container.

18. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the protection from toxic gases, ~~paniales~~ particles, line spray, or aerosols is protection from inhalation.

19. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the protection from toxic gases, particles, fine spray, or aerosols is protection from contact.

20. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, in which said gas treatment unit is provided with a mechanically activatable switch. ~~activation of the automatic by a mechanical means.~~

21. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the assembly is easily and conveniently carried in a purse or briefcase and/or stored nearby the user.

22. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the assembly fits within a standard office briefcase.

23. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the assembly is designed as a one-size-fits-all above age of three.

24. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the hood is designed to fit users of a size range from toddlers to large adults.

25. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the hood is designed to fit users regardless of head or facial features.

26. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, where the hood is designed to fit users who have long hair or wear eyeglasses.

27. (original) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, wherein the gas treatment unit is fixed to the respirator hood.

28. (currently amended) A respirator hood assembly according to claim 1, wherein the gas treatment unit ~~forces~~ forcibly supplies filtered air into the ~~respirator~~ hood giving rise to pressure build-up therein.